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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor,
CHARLES H. ISBELL.For Solicitor,
CHARLES C. BENNER.For Justice of the Peace,
JOHN R. VAUGHAN.For Constable,
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John L. Shunk, long term.
Niel Hanson, short term.THIRD WARD,
Geo. Brodt, long term.
T. B. Callahan, short term.FOURTH WARD,
Wm. T. Sawyer, long term.
Jos. Winam, short term.FIFTH WARD,
Julius Wilhelm, long term.
Wm. Kauffman, short term.SIXTH WARD,
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Eugene Coleman, short term.SEVENTH WARD,
Andrew Martin, long term.
J. W. Walker, short term.EIGHTH WARD,
John Mertz, long term.
August Piske, short term.

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FIRST WARD—Stephen P. Hartzell.
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Henry A. Kraft, short term.

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SIXTH WARD—Wm. Allen.

SEVENTH WARD—Rev. Geo. Harter, long term;
Amos J. White, short term.

EIGHTH WARD—Jacob M. Gayer.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor,

CHAS. H. ISBELL.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Mayor,

GEO. M. ANDERSON.

REMEMBER THE ISSUE.

In his organ last night Judge Anderson made a plea for a "sound business administration" of the city's affairs.

For three years the Judge has been in absolute control of the city's affairs and what kind of a "sound business administration" has he given the people?

He began his administration by kicking real business men out of offices of responsibility in the local service, and filling their places with proxies who were willing to do his bidding.

When he came into control the city had a well-filled treasury; but after

THE GLASSES

Fitted for me four years ago by Dr. Tucker are O. K.

REV. W. E. FETCH.

having for three years paid his political debts at the expense of the city, he will leave it bankrupt.

The people have sent trustworthy men to the Council to protect their interests, only to find out how the powers of that body have been circumscribed by the Board of Proxy Commissioners.

They have themselves gone to the City Hall and made direct appeals to the Commissioners, only to have their petitions spurned.

There is but one way to restore Akron's government to the control of the people, and that way is to break down the control which a political dictator has maintained for three years over the Board of City Commissioners, and which he is now seeking to extend for two years more.

The issue is clear as day. Are you in favor of giving the people a voice in the management of their city's affairs?

Or do you want Proxy government for two years more?

WHO PAYS FOR THE "OFFICES"?

The Dobson paper can see no other issue in the present contest than that of "offices."

"This idea of a little coterie of Democratic politicians parcelling out the offices between themselves year after year must be highly encouraging to the party workers," says the Beacon.

The citizens of Akron do not care what party tag their local officers may wear; their only concern is: "How are the officers administered?"

Had a Democratic Probate Judge meddled in the affairs of Akron as Judge Anderson has done, and were he now undertaking to extend his control over the city as Judge Anderson is doing, the Democrat would have the public spirit to fight him, instead of aiding him in the further upbuilding of his machine at the expense of the people.

Although the barriers erected by the Proxy system have been such that "the little coterie of Democrats" of which the Beacon speaks with such fine scorn—has been unable to "parcel out" many offices, the Democrat is glad that such as have been parcelled out have been administered in the interests of the people.

While Judge Anderson has been building up his Proxy system at the expense of the city's interests; while he has been creating thirty or forty new high-salaried offices and has "parceled" them out to men to whom he owed political debts; while he has controlled every act of his Proxy Board of City Commissioners, causing them to ratify franchise steals, farm out the inspectors to his political creditors, let public contracts to the highest bidders for the benefit of favored contractors; while our city's treasury was being bankrupted by these extravagant practices, the Democratic officials whom the Dobson paper condemns were doing their utmost to prevent the Czar from forcing his ruinous policies upon the people.

We call upon the fairness of Akron's citizens, and their knowledge of the history of their city's administration for the last three years, to bear witness to this fact.

The record of three years of Proxy government, which seeks to vindicate itself by obtaining two years' more of power, is on trial before the people in this campaign.

And it is to be hoped that the five thousand Republican citizens of Akron, who will share in none of the offices but who will have to bear the increased burdens of government if Czar Anderson's Proxy system is endorsed, will have the good sense not to be blinded to the real issues by the partisan rant about "offices" and places.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Under present conditions, with the Board of City Commissioners the willing servant of a political boss, Akron's Council would be powerless to safeguard the interests of the people even though it were composed of men as public spirited and influential as Col. Geo. T. Perkins, Hon. Geo. W. Crouse,

Mr. M. O'Neill, Mr. Paul E. Werner, Mr. R. L. Dodge, or Senator Alexander. If they would have relief the people must regain control of the Board of City Commissioners, which is the sole and supreme power in the management of the city's affairs.

The Democrat believes that this control cannot be regained by electing to the Mayorality the man for whose nomination the present dictator of the Board assumes to have the credit. And at the risk of exhausting the patience of the people we have tried to impress this fact upon them.

The election of Mr. Isbell means that one half of the Board of Commissioners at least will be made representative of the people—and that no more hardships can be imposed upon our citizens until they have the opportunity to demand relief from the Legislature next winter.

A vote for Mr. Isbell means a certain and immediate reform of the administration of the Board of Commissioners.

A vote for Judge Anderson's candidate MAY mean such reform IF Judge Anderson is gracious enough to grant it.

By voting for Judge Anderson's candidate the citizens of Akron will make this supine entreaty:

"Mr. Czar, we have supported the man of your choice. Now be merciful unto us." A vote for Mr. Doyle means an humble petition to Akron's Dictator to amend the unpopular ways of his dictatorship; a vote for Mr. Isbell registers a demand for this reform. Akron people have petitioned before, only to be turned down. Next Monday they have the opportunity to DEMAND.

THIS EXPLAINS "HOW."

There is more than one way of depleting a public treasury. For instance, if a political boss works his way into the control of a Board that is not directly responsible to the people, but which is entrusted with the spending of the people's money, he can create enough new offices for his political favorites, raise enough salaries, authorize enough public improvements as rewards for favorite contractors, give away enough franchises, and award enough contracts to the highest bidders to bankrupt the strongest treasury in the land. This is what the Proxy system has done for Akron in its three years of operation. Is there enough partisan white-wash in Summit county to cover this three years' record of the Proxy system?

Akron's voters who have noted the brutal personal and mudslinging attacks which the Dobson paper has made upon Mr. Isbell from the beginning of the campaign, and to which in its closing days it is applying itself with its old-time vigor, will not wonder why honest and pure men are driven to shun our local politics as they would a pestilence. Those who have perverted the administration of Akron's government to their own uses, and who are now seeking to obtain an extension of their power, confess the weakness of their cause when they summon vile methods to its defense.

Col. H. C. Sanford was known to be a certain advocate of reforming the manner in which the City Commissioners have administered the city's affairs. If Judge Anderson was sincere in his eleventh hour pretense of desiring such a reform, why did he oppose Mr. Sanford and work for the nomination of a young man whose candidacy he had first announced to the people, and of whose control he would be certain in the event of the Proxy system being endorsed? The people may draw their own conclusions.

In the event that enough taxpayers stay at home next Monday to permit Judge Anderson to land his candidate in office, picture to yourself how eager the public spirited and magnanimous Judge will be, when the Legislature meets next year, to send to Columbus delegation after delegation of his proxies, his policemen, and inspectors, and favored contractors, and other beneficiaries for whom he has created jobs at the city's expense, to petition the Legislature to legislate them out of their jobs. The future of Municipal reform is bright indeed if Akron people

accept the invitation of the Czar to endorse his Proxy system for two years more.

Some self-seeking politicians are planning a two years' raid upon the local treasury, and when our citizens demand that the raids be stopped an organ that draws its support from Akron people and that ought to have the hardihood to stand up for their interests, tries to discourage them in their opposition to the treasury-raiding by shouting: "How? How? How are you going to do it?" The citizens of Akron will answer that question Monday in a manner that will be a revelation to the doubting organ.

The Beacon's exploitation of the kind words which Mayor Young had the grace to say of the Republican candidate for Mayor is a sample of the political breadth and fairness of that organ. Simply because the Democratic leaders do not call the Republican candidates "cut-throats, thieves, and law-breakers," as the Democratic nominees are being called by some of their opponents, the Beacon, in its dull way, construes the forbearance of its Democratic neighbors to be an endorsement of its mudslinging cause. Comment is unnecessary.

The argument that Judge Anderson, and his Proxy City Commissioners, and his thirty or forty superfluous office holders who have been appointed within the last three years at the expense of Akron's people, are working night and day for the election of a "reform" candidate who is "pledged" to turn around after his election and kick the Proxy system out of power and let its beneficiaries out of office, is about as nauseous a dose as has been prepared for Akron people for many a day.

Had Chas. H. Isbell been a Proxy; had he turned his back upon the interests of the people in exchange for a seat at the banquet place wherein the Czar and his retainers have feasted at the expense of the city's interests, there would be no harsh words for him in this campaign. The fact that Czar Anderson and every place holder and chair-warmer whom he can control is fighting Mr. Isbell, is the best reason why he should have the support of the people for Mayor.

Every promise which Judge Anderson has made in order to obtain props for his Proxy system, will have to be repaid at the expense of the city. Akron's dictator pays no political debts with his own means. It is by forcing himself into the control of the local government that he has been able to discharge his political debts at the expense of the people. Do the people want two years more of Proxy government and political debt paying?

It is an uphill task, that of convincing Akron's Republican voters that they ought to vote for two years more of Proxy government for the pleasure of gaining a "partisan" victory. Indeed there are hundreds of Republicans in Akron who believe that the best victory for their party will be a defeat for the politicians who have forced their party into a position which impels it to be an unwilling endorser of the Proxy system.

Taxpayers should remember that the tax levy which is made upon their property by the City Commissioners is in addition to the tax for school, county and state purposes. How do the taxpayers like the prospect of increasing the city tax levy—an increase that must come as surely as Judge Anderson is able to continue to make proxies of Akron's City Commissioners?

The City Commissioners spent \$6,000 last year to employ inspectors of public improvements, when the law intended that they should inspect the work themselves. Vote against the Proxy system and the people will get some men on the Board of Commissioners who will not consider it beneath their dignity to look after the details of city work.

After controlling the whole city of Akron for three years, Judge Anderson thought he was mighty enough to control both political parties. But he failed. And in undertaking to control next Monday's election he will fail again.

Again the Democrat wants to caution Akron's voters against being deceived

by the personal issues and the mudslinging methods which are opposition to Mr. Isbell seems determined to inject into the closing days of the campaign. The intemperate attacks by the Dobson paper upon Mr. Isbell are making votes for that young man every day.

If Judge Anderson succeeds in making a majority of the people believe, with two years' effects of Proxy government charged up to their experience and with a bankrupt treasury staring them in the face, that the Proxy system is good enough to be voted for for two years more, Akron will be willing to go out of the governing business.

In the present contest the supporters of the Proxy system have their ticket and the people have theirs. It has been a long time since an issue was so clearly defined. If you believe that the citizens of Akron should have a voice in the control of the city's affairs, vote for the Democratic nominees.

Akron's voters take no chances of a continuance of the Proxy system when they vote for Chas. H. Isbell for Mayor. They take long chances indeed when they support the candidate whom Judge Anderson has endorsed for the place.

For the last three years Judge Anderson has dead-locked every undertaking in behalf of the taxpayers. Now let the taxpayers take advantage of their opportunity to get a dead-lock on Judge Anderson.

Czar Anderson's "Municipal Reform" farce has been well-staged, but it is somewhat handicapped by the fact that its author was the author also of the farce of "Three Years of Government by Proxy."

There will be no increase of the tax levy if Chas. H. Isbell is elected Mayor. His election means the appointment of Commissioners who will have the ability to keep the city's expenditures within the income.

Taxpayers must expect to have their taxes increased so long as they give a political boss unlimited power to create new offices and grant favors for the benefit of his political creditors at their expense.

Next Monday's election will be decided by the taxpayers; not by the office holders and politicians. The taxpayers outnumber the politicians ninety to one.

Save the city from two years' more of such "business administration" as has been given us by the Proxy City Commissioners.

We wonder what Col. Sanford's private opinion is of Czar Anderson's new role as a "Municipal Reformer."

Akron has had three years of government by politicians. Now let's have a few years of government by citizens.

RED IN THE BLOOD

is the sign of life, of vital force, of the force that life has, of the force that life is.

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WISE and OTHERWISE

I am "the man of the hour"—

"In your wisdom be wise,"

My management cries—

I'm the one to be put into power.

You will make a mistake otherwise.

And the Judge can't stand such a surprise;

It will make him as sour

As a Czar shorn of power.

If you throw

Down "the man

Of the hour."

And I was a "candidate green"—

No wonder the Judge was so glad.

No wonder that Sanford was sad.

When I did 'em all up slick and clean.

Now, being "the man of the hour,"

I've no scruples in saying that our

Campaign is, I ween,

The slickest I've seen—

And I am not now

A "candidate green."

St. Mix, Lake's founder of a mixed

religion, seems well pleased to be of

such importance as to have attention

called to his views in the Wise and

Otherwise columns of the Democrat.

It was once said, "You may read the

Bible continually, and yet never learn

anything by it, unless it is illuminated

by the spirit; and then the words shine

forth like stars. The book seems made

of gold leaf—every single letter glit-

ters like a diamond." Our St. Mix

says that there is not a written re-

ligion in existence that does not give

forth beauty, light and hope; but in

order to see the light, you must sit

down with the feeling that "This book

is a revelation from God," and though

seeming absurdities may come before

you, cast aside the Jonahs and glean

only the Spirit; remembering always

the frailties and mistakes common to

man through whom all revelations

have been given to us by translation

and otherwise. He deprecates the con-

dition of the Chinese, yet gives them

credit for honesty and religious in-

tegrity and has more respect for a peo-

ple who pay such reverence to their

ancestry, than he has for a professed

Christian who sends his grandfather

to the poor house, or drives a poor

old, devoted, gray-haired, trembling

mother, to the infirmary to end her

days among strangers, in order to

make room for a selfish wife and her

children. "One is alone in a company,

where one suffers or where one loves."

Poor old mother! A man may indeed

be very pious without being very good.

"Honor thy father and thy mother."

He says, "Get into the light of God's

countenance, no matter how and the

mists will soon fade away. It is im-

material whether you find that light

through the Bible, the Koran, or

through any other source. It only is

sin, that stands between you and God.

He yet says, that his greatest comfort

and strength is in "Our Bible."

Following are some of his sayings:

"Any one can find God who seeks

him; I found him 40 feet underground

when cleaning a well."

"Nothing can drag a man further

from God than a bad woman; I won't

except even the devil."

"Keep your title clear on earth and

bank on the Lord of heaven, for the

hereafter."

"Giving the devil his due, is often

the same as giving one's self away."

BARBER.

The following ghost story, Chicago

brand, is printed for the benefit of

Sheriff F. G. Kelly who played such

a conspicuous part in locating Mrs.

Luetgert in this city several years

ago:

"That ghosts haunt the famous Luet-

gert factory building in Diversey ave-

ue a number of people who live in that

vicinity will testify. John Seifert, the

watchman of the factory, August

Beck, a saloonkeeper across the street

from the structure, and Gustaf Haaf,

who lives in the house formerly oc-

cupied by Adolph Luetgert, are certain

of the nightly appearances of the ap-

parition. According to their story,

while they were at a window of the

saloon Tuesday night Beck saw the

locked door of the factory open and

the shade of Mrs. Luetgert enter. Self-

ert went to the door, tried it and

found it locked. Then the men were

startled by a light appearing one mo-

ment in the cupola and the next on

the round floor. Seifert reported the

occurrence to the police Wednesday

and that night Detectives Quinn and

Blau were sent to the factory to in-

vestigate. The light again appeared,

and, after a merry chase, led them

to the place in the basement, where

the famous middle vat stood in which

Mrs. Luetgert's body is thought to have

been disintegrated. Quinn rushed to

ward it, but the light "shade" stepped

to a corner and took the hazy form

of a woman. It disappeared, and the

officers returned to the station, firm

believers in ghosts.

Chatham, Medina county, is the

home of a gentleman of remarkable

versatility. A Chatham correspond-

ent writes to the Medina Gazette:

"J. H. Neff and wife returned Mon-

day, from Ashland where they have

been visiting for the past six weeks.

Mr. Neff will have charge of the

cheese factory again, this year. He

will also have his barber chair in or-

der and be glad to wait on all custom-

ers afternoons and evenings."